
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, November 23,
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Dear Sir

I send you a copy of the documents relating to negotiations with Spain, from a very distant day, to the end of the session, which will be interesting to you, tho' not now, having had the direction of them, in the stage, which form'd the outline of what has since follow'd.

Our attitude with the allied powers, in regard to So. Am: is as favorable, as it well can be, Mr. Gallatin having had conferences, the former with Ld. C. & the latter with the Duke of R., & the Russian minister at Paris, in which they were inform'd by those ministers, that their govts. could not well move in that affr. without the UStates, by which it was meant, as is inferr'd against the UStates. Had we made a bolder or more precipitate movement, it might have produc'd a corresponding one on their part, every different

from that, which it is expected, they will adopt & pursue. At present our weight is thrown into the scale of the Colonies in a way most likely to produce the desired effect with the allies in favor of the colonies, without hazard of loss to ourselves.

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I heard, with great pleasure, by Mr. Burwell, that your health had improv'd, since I left you. That it may continue to improve is the sincere wish, of your friend & servant James Monroe

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